

means in said client for storing a plurality of complex images, each of said complex images having an identity;

means for selecting at least one complex image from said plurality of complex images stored by said client;

means for transmitting the identity of said selected complex image or images from client to said remote server; and

means for determining by said remote server, from the identity of the or each image selected, whether the client is authorised to gain access, via the remote server, to a network resource.

Sub 14. (rewritten) A method for providing a client of a distributed client/server computer network with controlled access, via a remote server, to a network resource, said method comprising the steps of:

providing the client with a store of complex images, each of said complex images having an identity;

selecting at least one image from the stored images;

transmitting the identity of the or each selected image from said client to said remote server; and

determining, in said remote server, from the identity of the or each image selected, whether the client is authorised to gain access, via the server, to the network resource.